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Location

275 mi/442 km south of the Arctic Circle.
114 degrees 26 minutes west
62 degrees 28 minutes north
Elevation: 600 feet.

Distance to Major Cities

	Air Miles/km	Highway miles/km
Hay River	125/201	307/494
Fort Smith	190/306	465/748
Fort Simpson	230/370	395/636
Inuvik	680/1094	—
Edmonton	600/965	947/1524
Vancouver	1121/1793	1498/2410
Winnipeg	1062/1699	1782/2867

Population	City of Yellowknife	Northwest Territories
1965	3,500	30,000
1970	6,500	34,800
1975	9,100	41,000
1977	10,500	46,400
1981	12,800	53,600
1986	15,900	66,500
2001	27,900	116,300

Trading Area: 21,000

Rec'd:

Order No.:

Price:

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Free
Arctic Summer
School

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Yellowknife, Capital of the Northwest Territories

Climate:

Similar in its extremes to the climate of southern Canada. The differences are light rainfall, a shorter summer with longer days and a considerably longer period of temperatures below freezing.

Hours of sunshine: Spring and Summer 20 hours, Autumn 12 hours, Winter 6 hours.

Annual precipitation: 10 inches/254 mm.

Rainfall: 5.67 inches/143.5 mm.

Snowfall: 43.3/1099.82 mm.

Temperature: F/C F/C

January mean High -10/-23.4 low -25/-32

July mean High 68.8/20.4 low 52.3/11.3

Prevailing winds: easterly, velocity 10.2 mph.

Holidays and Events:

January: New Year's Day

February:

March: Caribou Carnival, Canadian Championship Dog Derby, Dog Derby Sweepstakes.

April: Easter Bonspiel

May: Victoria Day

June: Midnight Sun Golf Tournament, Canada Week

July: Dominion Day, Fastball Tournament.

August: Civic Holiday

September: Labour Day, Fall Fair

October: Thanksgiving

November: Remembrance Day

December: Christmas

Transportation

Air: 7,500 and 5,000 foot asphalt strips, low frequency range, non directional beacon, maintenance garages, lighted runways, terminal building, float base.

Scheduled interprovincial airlines: Pacific Western (Edmonton) and Transair (Winnipeg). For detailed information on local and charter airlines, see Current Explorers Guide published by TravelArctic, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Road: Mackenzie Highway all weather gravel road connection with Edmonton. Bus service three times weekly. Road closed up to a month during breakup (April/May) and freezeup (November/December) of Mackenzie River. (ferry service summer, ice road, winter).

Water: NTCL barge from Hay River, June to October, freight only.

Government of the Northwest Territories:

all departments 873-2611

Government of Canada:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
873-4421

Department of Energy, Mines and Resources

Department of Justice

Department of Manpower and Immigration

Department of National Health and Welfare

Department of Public Works

Ministry of Transport

Environment Canada

Department of National Defence

Communications Canada

Public Service Commission

Canada Post

RCMP

Interested in Relocating?

Canadian Citizens:

A high rate of unemployment, the high cost and short supply of housing are obstacles to the newcomer to Yellowknife. In some cases a 60% northern hire rule disqualifies applicants. However a high turnover rate in some fields provides a relatively high number of job openings. Canadians considering moving to Yellowknife should try to obtain a job offer before arriving. (For more information, Canada Manpower, Box 1170, Yellowknife).

Citizens of other countries:

There is a very high rate of unemployment in the Northwest Territories. Tourists are not permitted to work in Canada, nor can foreign citizens apply for landed immigrant status here. If you are considering moving to Canada, make an application to the office of a Canadian Consul nearest you for landed immigrant status. Employers are liable to fines and imprisonment for hiring illegal immigrants.

Homesteading in the N.W.T.

At present there is no provision by the government for homesteading or for grants. Land may be obtained by lease for residential or commercial purposes. Applications must be made in person. (For further information, Department of Information, Government of the N.W.T., Yellowknife, N.W.T.).